



# Columbia Central High School Band

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Dear Band Parents,

Thank you for supporting your child's interest in the Columbia Central High School Band program.

Marching Band is a bit of both artistry and sport. We combine music and movement to create a form of expression that serves as entertainment the audience as well as competition in competitive settings. Many hours will be spent conditioning, training, rehearsing and eventually performing the music and movement that will be the marching show this Fall. After months of hard work, your children will take their show to the field and perform both for audiences at football games, and at field competitions where they will face off against bands from other high schools. The students will develop a foundation in marching fundamentals and continue to develop their playing skills on their instrument. Additionally, we hope that this activity will instill in your child an increased level of self-confidence, develop their leadership/cooperation skills, and provide a fun and rewarding experience making new friends while developing a family type atmosphere. Life-long friendships are often started in this activity. Many of the lessons learned will be relevant for the rest of their lives.

**There are plenty of volunteer opportunities as well for parents in this program.** We appreciate chaperones for band camp, football games and competitions. In addition, we always need help from parent volunteers for moving equipment, helping with uniforms, working at our marching band and indoor contest, as well as many other tasks. The Band Booster Club meets once a month to discuss ways to help the band raise funds and find additional ways to support or members.

You probably have many questions about the activity in which your child is about to participate. Please take a moment to read through these opening materials. If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email.

Again, we want to thank you for your continued support. Without the invaluable support of our members' parents, the CHS Marching Band would not be able to provide band students with the full and worthwhile experience we seek to offer.

Sincerely,

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## TOP 10 THINGS TO KNOW AS A CHS BAND STUDENT

We are very excited that you have chosen to participate in one of the most successful band programs in the State of Tennessee. The Columbia Central High School Marching Band has a successful tradition of excellence spanning 80 years. This will be a unique and rewarding experience for both you and your family.

This handbook has been put together to assist both the student and parent. The band and guard (flag) programs provide many great opportunities for your student. **As with all great programs, there is a lot of preparation and support required to make everything work.**

### 10 Things You Should Know as a Student

1. ALWAYS be on time, which really means at least 10 minutes early.
2. When in doubt, stop talking and listen. More talking breeds more chaos and confusion.
3. Show respect to everyone which includes everyone's belongings.
4. Even people who have marched before still have things to learn.
5. Take things seriously, but not personal.
6. We are very good at what we do because of PRIDE.
7. **Hydration must happen before rehearsals!** Drink water every day.
8. Always have all your materials close enough that you can get to them quickly.
9. Keep up on your schoolwork. Take every opportunity to do your homework. You are a student first. Most disciplines in band will also apply to your academic subjects as well.
10. Be where you are supposed to be and always give your best effort.

## CHS BAND MISSION STATEMENT

Please memorize this statement. We will recite this at our marching band rehearsals

We are a PRIDE!

We are a unified group of performers working to achieve a common goal.

By building a positive, supportive, and loyal environment

We create a legacy for all who follow

We are the PRIDE of Columbia

## 3 FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

POSITIVITY

LISTEN

FOCUS

## PRIDE (ACRONYM)

P is for PASSION

R is for RESPECT

I is for INTEGRITY

D is for DEDICATION

E is for ESPRIT DE CORPS

## **BAND CAMPS**

Band Camps are a very, very important time for the CHS Band! This is where we learn much of our halftime show music. We also learn/memorize our school songs as well as many of our music to play in the stands. Please be sure to plan this in your Summer calendar as it is crucial to our success.

### **Spring Guard Camp (Flags)**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday through Thursday 12:00 Noon to 7:00 pm**

**Friday 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm**

### **Summer Band Camp**

**July 19<sup>th</sup> – July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Monday:	7:30 am to 7:30 pm	Lunch- 11:30-12:30	Dinner- 4:00-5:00
Tuesday:	7:30 am to 7:30 pm	Lunch- 11:30-12:30	Dinner- 4:00-5:00
Wednesday:	7:30 am to 4:00 pm	Lunch- 11:30-12:30	No Evening Rehearsal
Thursday:	7:30 am to 7:30 pm	Lunch- 11:30-12:30	Dinner- 4:00-5:00
Friday:	7:30 am to 7:30 pm	Lunch- 11:30-12:30	Dinner- 4:00-5:00

- Suggested items for camp are instrument, water jug, music folder or notebook (with plastic pages), towels, 2 pairs of tennis shoes, 2 pairs of socks per day, light jacket or sweatshirt, toiletries, loose fitting clothing, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, rainwear, pencils, gloves for brass players, insect repellent, drinks and snacks.
- There will be dress up/spirit days. These will be advised by the Drum Majors.

**A Hat, Socks, and good Sneakers must be worn at all rehearsals. No Sandals!** Dress in light colors. Have Sunblock and Insect Repellant!!!

### **Food**

Students will need to bring or purchase their food during band camp. At camp, two meals a day plus snacks (2-3) should be accounted for. Students may bring cooler or have food delivered. Many students gather money to order pizza. **NO STUDENTS MAY LEAVE CAMPUS WITH OTHER STUDENTS UNLESS A WRITTEN LETTER OF CONSENT IS SIGNED AND PROVIDED BY A LEGAL PARENT OR GUARDIAN!**

A word about **sunburn**: our biggest and most troublesome problem at band camp can be sunburn or dehydration.

Sunburn- Some students could even develop severe burns from being out in the sun with little to no protection. Please spend time in the sun so that you are used to being in the element. We would suggest a sunblock of SPF 30+. Any lower number, you are at your own risk!

Dehydration- Please drink WATER often. You cannot rely on drinking water right before rehearsal to keep you hydrated. Hydration is a 24-hour process. You should also drink Powerade or Gatorade if you are exposed to the sun for long periods of time. Please be conscious of your health.

## The Regular School Year

Our regular rehearsals during the school year are as follows:

Monday:	Sectionals- 3:00-5:30
Tuesday and Thursday:	Full Band- 3:00-6:30
Friday:	Football Games Home or Away depending on the schedule. These normally begin in late August and end around late October.
Saturday:	Competitions (Schedule TBD) Normally from Late September to Early November

## **Band Fees- Drum Majors, Winds, and Percussion**

### Fees

Item	Shoes)
Band Camp	\$50.00
Uniform Rental/T-Shirt	\$30.00
Music	\$20.00
Visual Design	\$20.00
Drill Writing	\$20.00
Contest Entry Fees	\$10.00
Instructional Staff	\$60.00
Equipment/Props	\$30.00
Copyright Fee	\$10.00
Transportation	\$40.00
Gloves	\$5.00
Shoes	\$35.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>

**BAND TOTAL DUE \$330.00**

### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

July 6 <sup>th</sup>	\$120.00
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$70.00
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	\$70.00
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$70.00

## Color Guard Fees

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Item	Color Guard Fees #1 (regular band fees)
Band Camp	\$50.00
Instructional Staff	\$60.00
Props/Flags/Rifles	\$75.00
Transportation	\$50.00
Visual Design	\$35.00
Drill Writing	\$30.00
Choreography	\$30.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>
	<b>Fees #2</b>
	<b>(Color Guard Specific)</b>
Uniforms	\$140.00
Guard Bags	\$80.00
Shoes	\$35.00
T-Shirt	\$10.00
Make-up	\$5.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>
<b>GUARD TOTAL DUE</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
<b>PAYMENT SCHEDULE</b>	
July 6th	\$150.00
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$150.00
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	\$150.00
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$150.00

## IN SUMMARY

Hopefully, this basic guide will get everyone started. We have multiple opportunities for you to be able to cover your fees. Money should not prevent you from participating in marching band. However, fees are necessary. We do not receive enough money from our county funds to allow everyone to participate for free. It is estimated at over \$100,000.00 to fund regular band year. We also help to relieve the funds cost by hosting band competitions, indoor contests, selling fruit, and various other fundraisers throughout the year. Without these events, the expenses would be much more. There are some programs that charge over \$1,000 a member!

We are a family and carry a setting here with our band that is inclusive for everyone to enjoy. There is no greater feeling than watching your son or daughter perform and improve throughout the marching season. Once you attend your first competition, you will be hooked!!! Our hard work pays off at football games, parades, festivals, and competitions. In doing these event, we are one of the leading ambassadors for this school, community, and most importantly, the people of Columbia. Again, if there are any questions, please feel free to call, email, or text. You will also find that the website is a great resource to learn more about our history, see about upcoming events, and stay informed of our operations. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Have a blessed day!!!

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